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TAGS: ENRG, TECH, PINS, FR  
SUBJECT: ANTI-NUCLEAR FESTIVALS IN FRANCE.

1. ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, NEAR TWO PROPOSED REACTOR SITES: GRAVELINES, ON THE ATLANTIC COAST NEAR UNKIRK AND NOGENT-SUR-SEINE, ABOUT 75 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PARIS. THE LATTER DEMONSTRATION, ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS, WAS CHARACTERIZED WITH GOOD HUMOR AND WAS TOPPED OFF AT THE END WITH A LITTLE VARIETY SHOW. "DEMONSTRATORS" WERE PICKED UP IN PARIS AND TAKEN OUT IN 60 BUSES. OF THE INHABITANTS OF NOGENT-SUR-SEINE, NOT EVEN THE ONES WHO OPPOSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEARBY REACTOR JOINED IN, SINCE THEY REPORTEDLY WERE PUT OFF BY ALL THE RED FLAGS OF THE DEMONSTRATING ORGANIZATIONS. LEMONADE AND LITERATURE WERE PASSED OUT AT SEVERAL STANDS. SOME OF THE LATTER LINKED NUCLEAR ENERGY WITH AN INEVITABLE POLICE-MILITARY STATE.

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2. AT GRAVELINES, ABOUT 2,000 DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING SOME FROM BELGIUM, ARRIVED AT THE SITE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF THE UTMOST CALM AND WHEN THE POLICE PREVENTED THEM FROM GETTING TO IT, THEY CONSTRUCTED A TWO METER HIGH SANDBAG BARRIER ALONG THE APPROACH ROAD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MUSIC OF BAG PIPES AND SOME RECORDED POPULAR SONGS FROM THE LOUD SPEAKER IN ONE

OF THEIR VEHICLES. AFTER REMAINING THERE ALL NIGHT,  
THEY WERE DISPERSED BY THE POLICE EARLY ON MONDAY  
MORNING, JUNE 27. THIS DISPERSION, ACCORDING TO SOME  
ACCOUNTS, HURT 20 OF THE 200 WHO STAYED THERE THAT LONG.

3. ON THE WHOLE IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THESE TWO

"DEMONSTRATIONS," ADMITTEDLY TWO OF MANY, SHOW THAT  
MUCH OF THIS WIDELY PUBLICIZED PROTEST IS MOTIVATED  
OTHER THAN BY SINCERE ANTI-NUCLEAR CONVICTIONS.  
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